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**REQUEST  
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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| Application Number     | 09/531,247                |
| Filing Date            | March 21, 2000            |
| First Named Inventor   | Qin                       |
| Group Art Unit         | 1713                      |
| Examiner Name          | D. Wilson                 |
| Attorney Docket Number | 11710-0160 (44040-228525) |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Preliminary Amendment with Exhibits A and B
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) for Revival of an Application Unintentionally Abandoned for Failure to Prosecute

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  Check in the amount of \$2,050.00 is enclosed for the following fees:
  - i.  RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
  - ii.  Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) for Revival of an Application Unintentionally Abandoned for Failure to Prosecute.
- b.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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